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M615 A HISTORY OF ELDER JACOB MILLER AND  
SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTSFIRST GENERATION

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1. ELDER JACOB MILLER - noted German Baptist (Church of the Brethren) minister; born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1735, and died on his farm near Dayton, Ohio, in 1816. He moved from Pa. to Virginia in 1765; and with William Smith, an Englishman, established the first Church of the Brethren in southwestern Virginia, (Brick Church at Wirtz, Virginia). Elder Jacob Miller moved from Virginia to Ohio in 1800, and established churches in Ohio and across the line in Indiana, as well as going into the, then wilderness, and preaching, praying and working with the Indians. The writers have been able to find no record of the name, birth, or death, of the wife of Elder Jacob Miller, nor of her marriage with him. There are several "Jacob Miller" marriage records in Pennsylvania; but with the present lack of information, they cannot be proved to be our Jacob Miller.

See attached account of the life and work of the pioneer preacher, Elder Jacob Miller.

## Children of Elder Jacob Miller (twelve)

- A. John
- B. Abraham
- C. Aaron
- D. David
- E. Jacob
- F. Samuel
- G. Daniel
- H. Isaac
- I. Mary
- J. Eva
- K. Anna
- L. Tobias

SECOND GENERATION - Children of Elder Jacob Miller

2. JOHN MILLER - eldest son of Jacob Miller, married Phoebe Mc Clure; lived in Union County, Indiana, and died there. Marriage record in "Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Va 1786-1858," by Marshall Wingfield-- date July 14, 1792. Sureties were Samuel and Mary Henderson and the Minister was Randolph Hall.
3. Abraham MILLER - was born in Franklin County, Virginia, April 1, 1775, and died at the age of 76. He was married to Nancy Huston, who bore him fifteen children. None of these raised large families. The eldest two sons were Jacob and James, both of them worthy ministers for the Church of the Brethren in northern Indiana. (Account of the work of these two sons are shown under Third Generation. Attached Notes).

- A. Jacob
- B. James

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SECOND LIST of children of Elder Jacob Miller  
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4. AARON MILLER - was born in 1785, in Franklin County, Virginia and moved with his parents to Ohio, in 1800. His wife was Elizabeth Harding. They raised a family of eleven children. In 1818 they moved to Jayne County, Indiana, being among the first members of the Nettle Creek congregation of the Church of the Brethren. Aaron Miller was called to the ministry in about 1813, and moved to near South Bend, Indiana in about 1820. His son, David Miller, Jr., became an able preacher and church worker; was called to the ministry and served in the Portage Church. He is sometimes mistaken for his uncle, David Miller, Sr.
5. DAVID MILLER, SR. - was born in Virginia and grew to manhood in Ohio, where he was called to the ministry. He moved to near Hagerstown, Indiana, in 1827, and became the first minister and presiding elder of the Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren. He moved to St. Joseph County, Indiana, in 1830, and became the first Elder of the Portage Prairie congregation. He was a man universally loved because of his piety and generosity. He died at the age of 52. His son, Aaron Miller, Jr., also became a minister and died at the age of 80. Thurston Miller, for years a minister at LaPorte, Indiana, was a son of Aaron Miller, Jr.
6. JACOB MILLER son of 1st. Elder Jacob Miller, married Sarah Chapman and died in Virginia.
7. SAMUEL MILLER - died in Virginia, age about 25 years.
8. DAVID MILLER - married a Shideler and raised a large family. He was a very worthy minister of the Brethren Church, and died in Iowa. (Park County?). He lived many years in Franklin County, Virginia, before going to Iowa.
9. ISAAC MILLER - married Hannah Webb ("Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858," -- date August 18, 1800, surety Daniel Miller. Isaac Miller moved to Greene County, Ohio. He enlisted in the Army in 1813, and died in the service of his country.
10. MARY MILLER married Samuel Darst and became the mother of two Ohio ministers, Isaac and John Darst. Isaac Darst died in Miami County, Ohio in 1822. John died in Miami County, Ohio in 1875, after a ministry of fifty years.
  - A. Isaac
  - B. John

Writer does not know whether these two sons were all of Mary Miller Darst's sons or children.





## SECOND GENERATION, Children of Elder Jacob Miller continued

11. Eva MILLER - second daughter, married a Moss, and after his death, married Joseph Kingery. Moss and Kingery are familiar names in Union County, Indiana
12. ANNA MILLER - youngest daughter, married a Lybrook, which is also a familiar name in Union County, Indiana. There is a deed from Deed Book 3, Page 219, Franklin County, Virginia, showing that Jacob Miller sold 156 acres of land to Phillip Lybrook, June Court, 1795, but there is nothing to prove that Phillip Lybrook was the husband of Anna Miller Lybrook.
13. TOBIAS MILLER - was born in Franklin County, Virginia, March 15, 1773, and died May 9, 1856. Burial is in Kankakee Township, La Porte County, Indiana, Griffin Cemetery. He married Sarah (Sally) Henderson, daughter of Samuel and Mary Henderson, in Franklin County, Virginia, November 9, 1799; surety, Thomas Miller; Minister, Jacob Miller. See Wingfield's "Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia, 1786-1858." Sarah Henderson Miller, wife of Tobias, died January 29, 1845; burial in Griffin Cemetery with her husband. The will of Samuel Henderson, father of Sarah, is on record in Will Book No. 1, Page 369, date July 8, 1806, executed in Franklin County, Virginia, April 3, 1808. It reveals that Samuel Henderson was a man of considerable means and that he owned slaves. Tobias Miller and William Henderson (son of Samuel) were named as executors. Tobias Miller and family moved to Indiana in 1813, and to LaPorte County, Indiana, about 1830. Tobias Miller preached in Brethren Church.

### 13 Children of Tobias and Sarah Miller

- A. Jacob, born March 23, 1800
- B. Samuel, born September 12, 1801
- C. John, born March 13, 1805
- D. David, born May 17, 1807
- E. William, born April 1, 1809
- F. Polly, born August 22, 1811
- G. Isaac, born November 24, 1813
- H. Tobias Jr., born March 10, 1818
- I. Martha, born May 10, 1820
- J. Sarah Sarah
- K. Barbara,
- L. Aaron Henderson, born October 18, 1827
- M. Noah

### THIRD GENERATION \* Children of Tobias and Sarah Miller

14. JACOB MILLER - died September 9, 1850. Lived near LaPorte, Indiana, and had flour mill near present Kankakee Pumping Station. Per Will - See Record Book C. page 110-123, La Porte Co. wife Ann and following children:

(Births and deaths on Third generation are from Bible and tombstone records, and St. Joseph County History, (Indiana) believe 1875.

- 14-A, Elizabeth, born about 1819 (married David Bush)
- 14-B, Samuel, born about 1823
- 14-C, Sarah, born about 1824
- 14-D, William, born about 1826
- 14-E, Frost, born about 1828
- 14-F, Andrew, born about 1831
- 14-G, Isabella (or Isabel) born about 1836











THIRD GENERATION - Children of Tobias and Sarah Miller

18. continued (WILLIAM MILLER) (135E)  
Children of William and Mary Miller  
A. John Franklin Miller (eldest) born November 21, 1831  
B. David, died at age of 6 years  
C. Isaac Newton, born November 3, 1835  
D. William, born August 31, 1838  
E. Martha E., born December 6, 1841  
F. Henry Clay, born May 20, 1844  
G. Mary Ellen, died in infancy  
H. Horace Greeley, born November 4, 1849  
I. Edmund Irving, died in infancy
19. POLLY MILLER - (Mary) married David Pugin of LaPorte County Indiana, in 1831. Died May 7, 1832 and is buried in Fort Wayne, Indiana (13)
20. ISAAC MILLER - Died October 13, 1882 (13G)  
La Porte County farmer, Brethren Minister at LaPorte, Indiana and Portage Church of the Brethren. A man of sterling character and much generosity. (Margaretha and Noah Miller have often told of people who came and stayed at his hospitable home, but all disappeared in the spring, when the farm work opened; also how frequently he brought home bolts of calico and bolts of sheeting and other yard goods, which supply was soon exhausted because grandmother Phebe was equally generous in helping those less fortunate). Isaac Miller was born in Union County, Indiana, and was buried in Griffin Cemetery (originally called Miller burial ground) on the farm of his father, Tobias Miller, Kankakee Twp., La Porte County, Indiana. There is an account of Isaac Miller in Chapman's "History of LaPorte County"

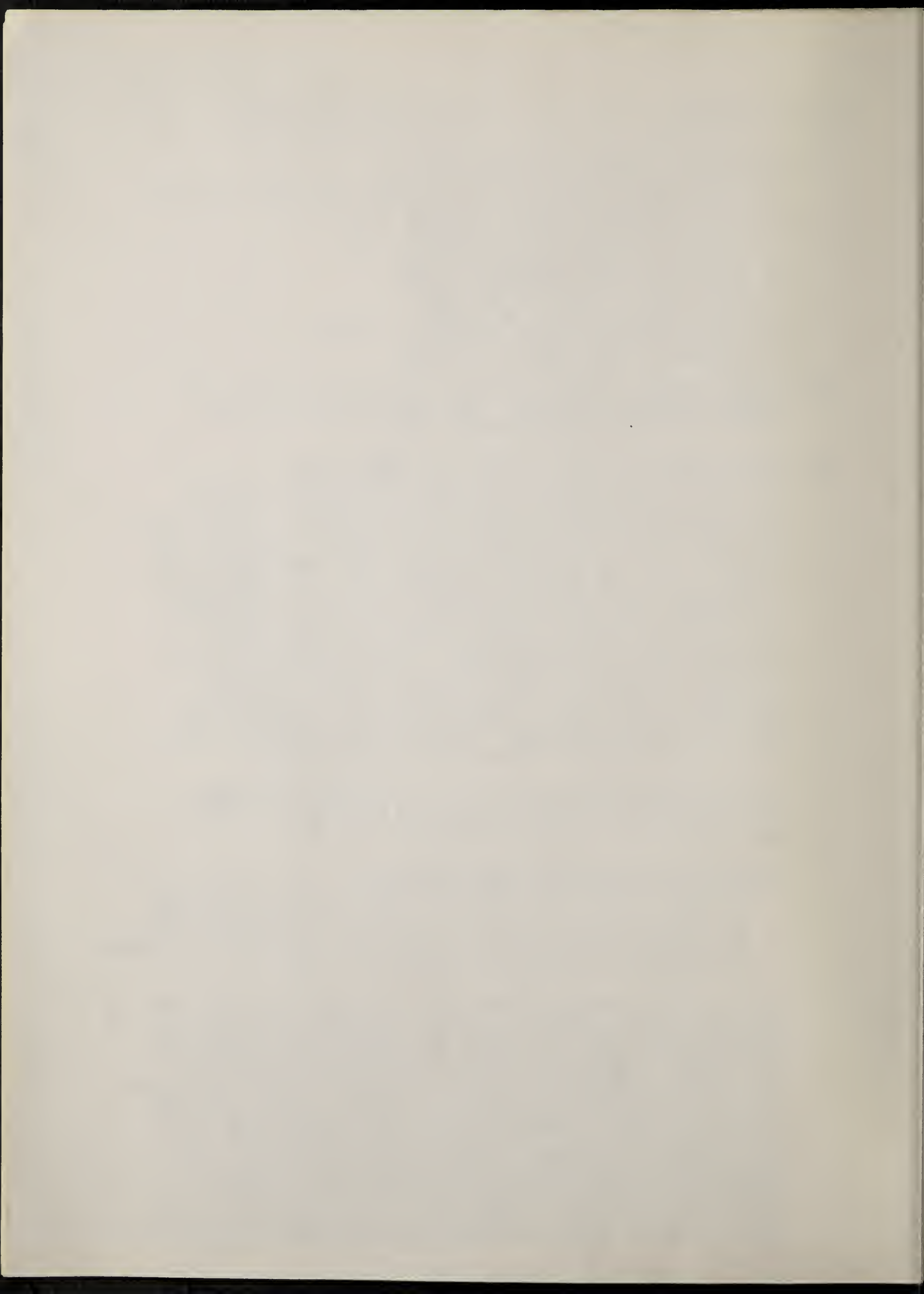
Married Susannah Hardman, April 29, 1833. Susannah died January 18, 1844 (birth date December 21, 1812) and was buried in Griffin Cemetery.

Children of Isaac and Susannah Miller

- A. John H. Miller, born Dec. 9, 1834, died Jan. 28, 1845  
B. Mary Miller, born Sept. 8, 1836, died Jan. 14, 1845  
C. Barbara Miller, born Mar. 1, 1838, died May 16, 1851  
D. Katherine Miller, born Feb. 19, 1843, died May 16, 1869  
E. Martha I. Miller, born January 14, 1841

Isaac Miller married Phebe Jones, October 28, 1845. She was born June 2, 1826, and came to Indiana from Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio, in 1842. The family first camped at Oak Grove. Phebe Jones Miller died April 7, 1880 and is buried at Griffin Cemetery. Phebe's father was Joseph Jones, born October 19, 1790 at Wooster, Ohio, and died January 1, 1847. Phebe's mother was Christiana (Von?) Strong, who came from Germany to Pennsylvania. She was born November 18, 1779 and died October 12, 1864. Both Joseph Jones and his wife Christiana are buried at Oak Grove Cemetery, LaPorte County, Indiana. Phebe Jones Miller joined the Church of the Brethren in 1846. She was one of twins; the other twin died in infancy.







20 ISAAC MILLER continued (13G)

Children of Isaac and Phebe Miller

F. Enoch G. Miller, born July 25, 1846

G. Noah Wilson Miller, born June 27, 1848.

21. TOBIAS MILLER JR. - died June 4, 1861 (13H)

Was a grocer in LaPorte, Indiana in the late forties and later moved to Westville, Indiana. Wife "Louisa A." died Dec. 22, 1844. buried Griffin Cemetery. Married October 18, 1846 to Elvira J. Jordan. Owned a mill at Westville, Indiana.

Children Per Will Book A, page 217,

A. Aaron H.

B. George M.

C. Albert T.

22. Martha Miller - Born May 10, 1820-died April 5, 1851.  
Married Mulford K. Farrand April 8, 1849. Mr. Farrand was a lawyer at LaPorte, Indiana. They both lived and died in LaPorte, Indiana. Martha was youngest daughter of Tobias and Sarah Miller. (13 I)

23. Sarah Miller - Died in 1893. (13 J)  
Married John Witter and moved to Iowa, where they secured government lands, some 40 miles west of Dubuque.

Children of Sarah Miller Witter and John Witter

A. E. Witter (who wrote reminiscences on Tobias Miller family as attached). Do not have record of any more of the family of John and Sarah Witter.

24. Barbara Miller - Died in 1883, July 19. (13K)  
Married Samuel Ridenour and lived near College Corners, Union County, Indiana. Died in 1883. (Major Samuel Ridenour, War of 1812).



THIRD GENERATION- CHILDREN OF TORIAS AND SARAH MILLER (13)

25. AARON HENDERSON MILLER- died April 3, 1885.  
Youngest of the sons, and lived at the old homestead nearly all of his life. Married Emily Phelps Porter, October 31, 1852. (See attached reminiscences of his son, Henry Kent Miller, which gives fine picture of the family and of the community of LaPorte, Indiana at the time).

Children of Aaron H. and Emily Porter Miller

- A. William Water Miller - born April 22, 1855
- B. Martha Cassandra Miller - born April 1, 1856
- C. Mary Ellen Miller - born Feb. 7, 1859
- D. Harriet Maria Miller - born Nov. 4, 1861
- E. Henry Kent Miller - born April 9, 1867

26. NOAH MILLER - Died December 14, 1896  
Was a doctor at LaPorte, Indiana, and later at Elkhart, Indiana, then for many years at Stockton, California. He returned to Indiana and died in South Bend, Indiana. Burial at New Carlisle Cemetery, New Carlisle, Indiana.

FOURTH GENERATION - Children of William and Mary Miller (18)

27. JOHN FRANKLIN MILLER - Died March 8, 1886, born Union County, Indiana, November 21, 1831. Graduated from New York State Law School in 1852, was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in South Bend, Indiana; moved to California and then returned to South Bend; member of Indiana State Senate in 1860; resigned to enter the Union Army during Civil War; commissioned Colonel of the Twenty-Ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, August 27, 1861; Brigadier General of Volunteers, January 5, 1864; Brevetted Major General March 13, 1865, for "Gallant and meritorious service at Nashville, Tenn."; resigned Sept. 25, 1865 and returned to California; Collector of the Port of San Francisco four years; Republican candidate for Presidential Elector in 1872, 1876 and 1880; delegate to the Second State Constitutional Convention in 1878 and 1879; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate (from California) and served from March 4, 1881 until his death in Washington, D.C. March 8, 1886; first interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery, San Francisco; reinterment in Arlington National Cemetery, Fort Myer, Virginia, May 5, 1913.

South Bend Tribune states, John Franklin Miller was the eldest child of the late Hon. William Miller of South Bend, Indiana; moved to Portage Prairie when two years old; old Whig and Abolition stock; attended Notre Dame; associated with Hon. G. George and Charles W. Guthrie in law practice in South Bend, Indiana. Married Miss Mary Chess of Pittsburgh, Pa.







FOURTH GENERATION - Children of William and Mary Miller (18)

27. JOHN FRANKLIN MILLER -continued (18A)

Another account of his life states he was wounded at Stone River and Liberty Gap, Tenn., nearly fatally, but continued the charge to victory. "He had great dash and coolness, knew no fear and acknowledged no defeat." Lost a son; daughter and wife survived his death; had happy family life. He was President of the Alaska Fur Company, and left a fortune reputed to be from four to six millions.

See: "History of Wayne, Fayette, and Union Co. Ind."

1849. "History of Indiana. Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Self-made Men of Indiana." Vol. I.  
1851. Congressional District. Vol. II.

Robert Tancred. "History of Alaska," 1880-1885.  
Evening Star, Washington, D.C. March 8, 1886.

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Congressional Record, 49th Congress, 1st Session.  
Alaska Mining Co., House Report 624, 49th Congress.

"Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of John Franklin Miller, in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives," 1st Session 49th Congress, delivered by Mr. Stanford of California and others.

Child of John Franklin and Mary Miller

A. Mrs. Lt. Richardson Clover (husband later mentioned in family record as "Admiral" Clover (Mary Eudora (Mrs. Clover) was born in 1860).

28. David MILLER \* (died at age of 6 years, Portage Prairie Ger (18A)

29. ISAAC NEWTON MILLER - Born in German Twp., St. Joseph Co (18B)

Indiana, November 3, 1835. Died November 1, 1921 and is buried at New Carlisle Cemetery. He was a farmer on Portage Prairie, and moved to South Bend, Indiana, where he operated a grist mill and at one time a grocery store. He later moved near New Carlisle, Indiana, where he owned and successfully operated a 500 acre farm for many years. He married Martha Emmaline Ritter, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Ritter March 25, 1858. He attended Wabash College. He was a staunch Republican and was President of the Garfield and Arthur Club in New Carlisle, Indiana. He is described in Chapman's "History of St. Joseph County (1880) as a cheerful, freehearted and obliging gentlemen.

Children of Isaac Newton and Martha F. Miller

A. Eldon Newton Miller -

B. John Franklin Miller-born June 9, 1862  
(Nephew of first John Franklin Miller)

C. Mary Elizabeth Miller

D. William Miller

E. Isaac Nelson Miller



FOURTH GENERATION - Children of William and Mary Miller (18)

30. WILLIAM H. MILLER - Born in German Township, St. Joseph Co. (18D)

Indiana, August 21, 1838. Attended Tabash College and Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Married Martha Crocket of South Bend, Indiana December 9, 1864. He moved to Fond du Lac, Wisc. in 1875, and in 1878 moved to St. Louis, Mo. where he went into business with his brother Horace Greeley Miller. He returned to South Bend, Indiana and was interested in the South Bend Toy Works. Later he manufactured sprinkler wagons, Miller-Knoblock Wagon Co., the sprinkler being his own invention and patented as "Miller Sprinklers." Died June 16, 1907 buried South Bend City Cemetery.

Children of William H. and Martha Crocket Miller

- A. Edwin Morton - born May 10, 1870, died May 15, 1890
- B. Mac Miller - born Sept 17, 1872 at South Bend, Ind. (attended St. Joseph Academy)
- C. Gertrude - born St. Louis, Mo. March 31, 1879

31. Martha Elizabeth Miller - Born December 6, 1841 (18E)

Attended La Porte Seminary and Oxford Young Ladies Institute (Ohio). Married Moses Butterworth in LaPorte, Indiana, February 20, 1866. Mr. Butterworth was a farmer for a number of years and the family lived near Kingsbury, Indiana. He later lived in LaPorte, Indiana, South Bend, Indiana and East Chicago, Indiana. He was a salesman for an agricultural company in later years. Died Dec. 16, 1910, buried Pine Lake Cemetery, LaPorte, Indiana.

Children of Martha Elizabeth and Moses Butterworth

- A. William H. Butterworth - born March 11, 1867  
Attended Purdue University and School of Journalism in Chicago. Married Juliet Fox of Titusville, Pa. May 3, 1892
- B. Joseph B. - born Dec. 22, 1868, died Nov. 27, 1878
- C. Henry T. - born November 20, 1872  
Attended La Porte Horological School and was a watchmaker by trade; was interested in vocal music.

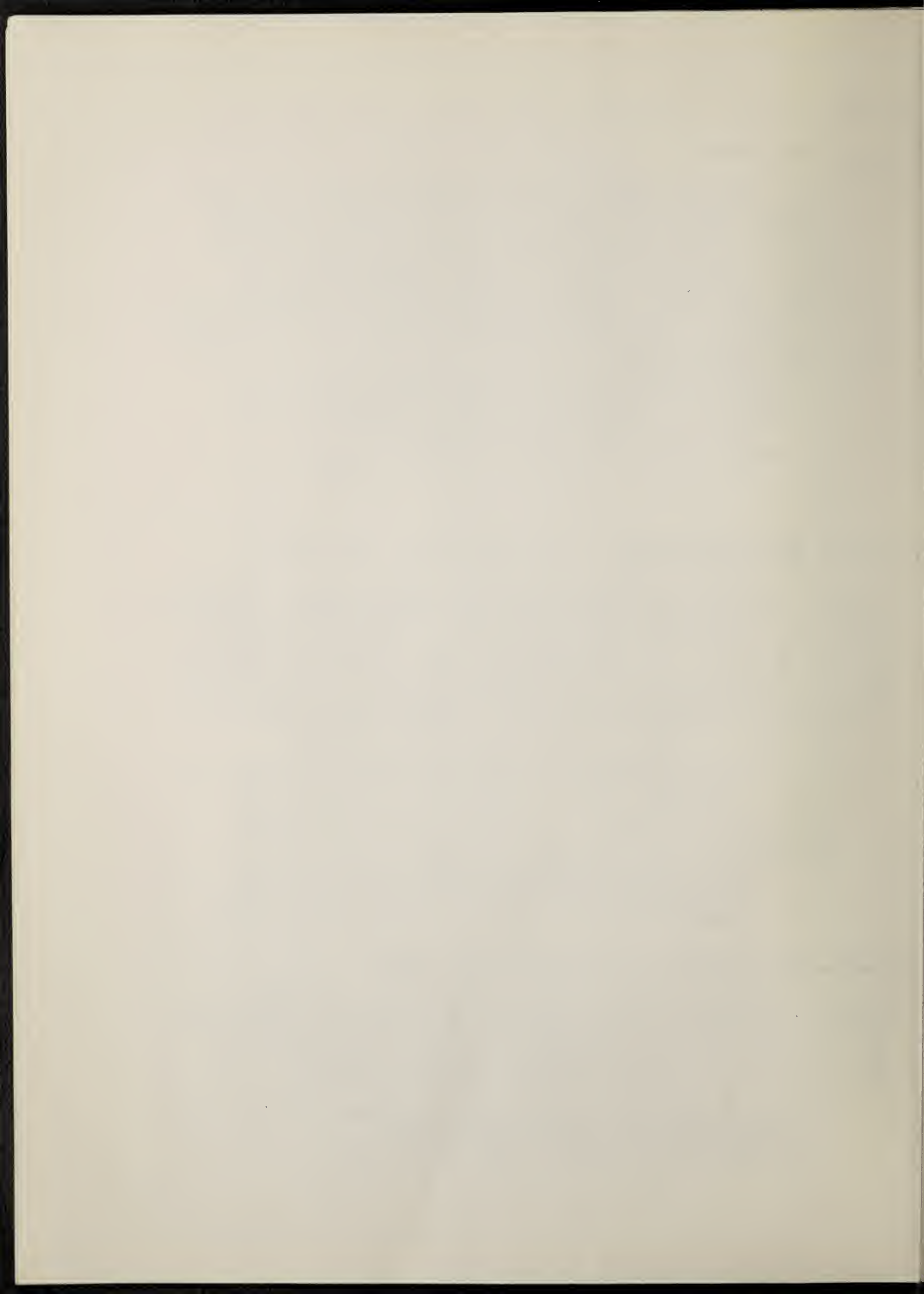
32. HENRY CLAY MILLER - Born May 20, 1844. (18F)

Attended Northern Indiana College (Ann Arbor). in 1867 he went to California and was employed in the Customs Department at San Francisco for many years. He also was interested in gold mining. He married Magdalena Rosette Blakeman, a very gracious lady of Spanish descent, October 5, 1874.

Children of Henry Clay and Magdalena Rosette Miller

- A. Henry Clay, Jr. - born March 2, 1879
- B. Madaline Rose Miller - born May 11, 1877







FOURTH GENERATION - Children of William and Mary Miller (18)

33. MARY ELLEN MILLER - (18G) Born November 21, 1846, died May 13, 1847, buried Portage Prairie Cemetery.

34. HORACE GREELEY MILLER - (18H) born November 14, 1849.

Attended college in Monmouth, Illinois. Married Rachel Cochran November 14, 1870. Was a grocer (Miller-Campbell) at South Bend, Indiana, later a cashier at Wynn Co. In 1878 he went to St. Louis, Mo. and engaged in the sprinkler business with his brother, William. In 1880 he was with Studebaker Co. of South Bend, as a salesman; and in 1891 was in Miller-Knoblock Wagon Co. Later he was Postmaster at South Bend, Indiana; and at one time, he was interested in the real estate business. He died March 7, 1927, and was buried in South Bend City Cemetery.

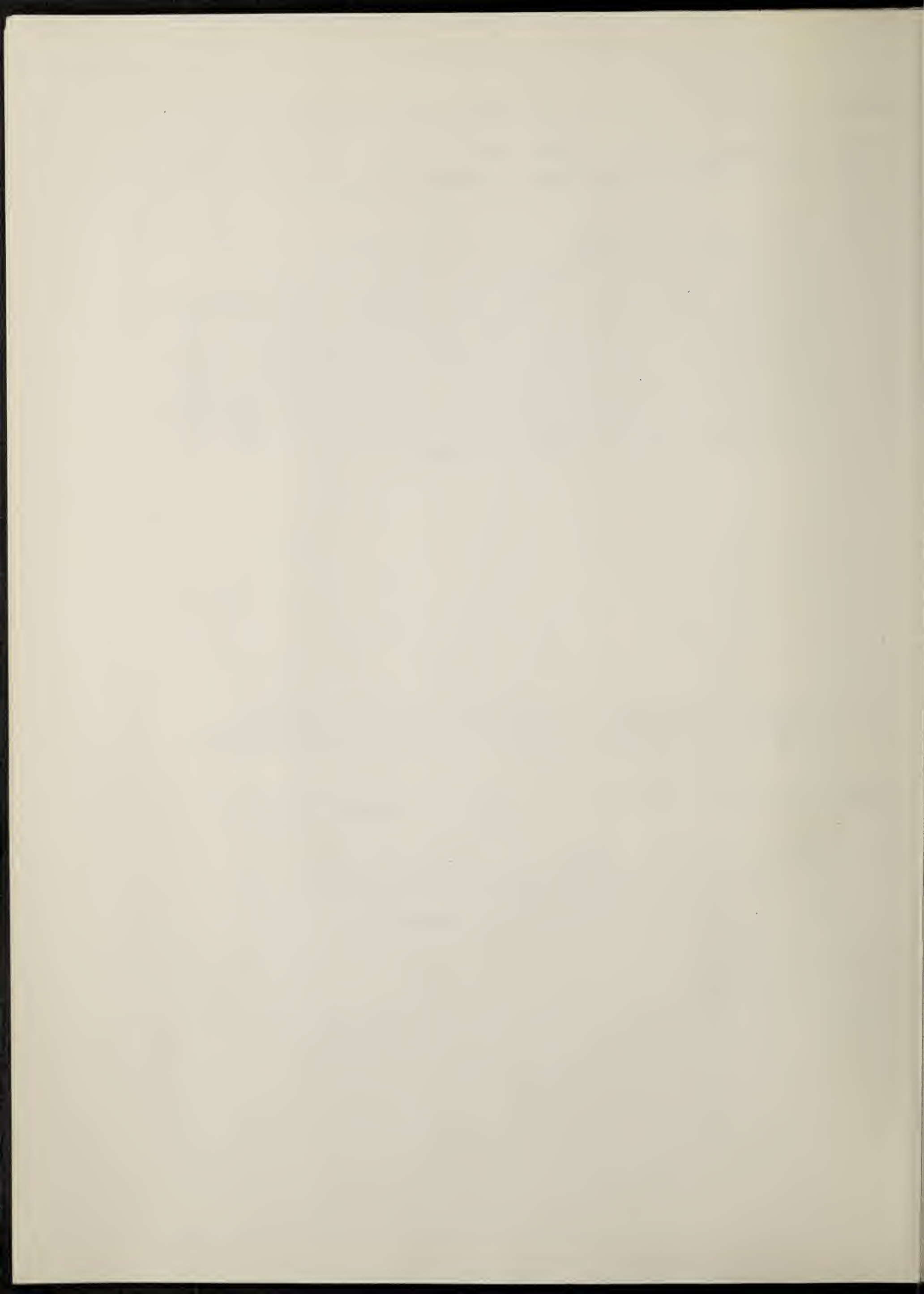
35. TWIN IRVING MILLER - (18I) born April 11, 1854 and died August 7, 1855, buried at Portage Prairie Cemetery, Saint Joseph County, Indiana

FOURTH GENERATION - Children of Isaac and Susannah Hardman Miller (20)

36. Martha I. MILLER - (20E) born January 14, 1841  
Married Dr. William Nash, November 30, 1859.

Children of Martha I. and Dr. William Nash

- A. Laura
- B. Rudy
- C. Luella
- D. Estella



FOURTH GENERATION - Children of Isaac and Phoebe Jones Miller (20)

37. ENOCH G. MILLER - (20F) born July 25, 1846, died Jan. 5, 1891. Burial in Griffin Cemetery, Kankakee Township, La Porte County, Indiana. Christine, wife of Enoch G. Miller, died October 8, 1878, Buried Griffin Cemetery. She was born May 11, 1844, and was married to Enoch G. Miller, December 7, 1869

Children of Enoch G. and Christine (Chr. Anna) Miller

- 1. Ida M. Miller - born Sept. 10, 1870, died August 15, 1893.
- 2. Rose (Rose) G. Miller - born November 27, 1871, and died November 20, 1956; burial Salem Cemetery, Pleasant Township, LaPorte County, Indiana. Rose was a loyal and devoted member of the Lutheran Church. She spent much time taking care of members of her own family, and others, where there was need. She married Virgil Rensberger (when she was 53 years of age) and helped to raise his family. The Rensberger family accepted her as one of their family; took care of her in her last illness, and erected a marker to her memory at Salem Cemetery.
- 3. Howard T. Miller, born November 28, 1872
- 4. Arthur H. Miller, born January 17, 1874
- 5. Rudy D. Miller, born November 3, 1875

38. NOAH WILSON MILLER - born June 27, 1848. (20G)

Married Margaretha Sent, July 29, 1872. She was one of the three children (Katrina, John and Margaretha) of Martin and Ottilia (Rist) Sent. Martin Sent came to America in 1854, and later served through the entire four years of the Civil War. His family came to America in 1855, on the sailboat "Germania" which was damaged by a storm, and was on the trip 52 days. The family came from Karlsruhe, Germany, where Margaretha was born January 10, 1854. Martin Sent's family had lived in France a large portion of their lives. Ottilia Rist had one brother who was a priest, and a sister who taught music in the schools. Noah Wilson Miller was tall and slender, with black hair and mustache, and green eyes. He liked to read, and acquired a good education. In fact, his opportunities as a boy were many. His family where gracious living and the (the) simple and strict Brethren Church. He spent some time as a boy hunting and fishing, and tramping in the virgin timberland. Later through some unwise trade and purchase of land (involving a family title) he lost most of his inheritance, and he





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JIM WALTER MILLER - Born April 22, 1854 and died 1911.  
 He was just under six feet, slender and had black hair  
 and gray eyes. He was never rugged and was subject to  
 malaria. He did not like farming and fond of study  
 and had a retentive memory. He taught school for one  
 year then attended law training in a law office and was  
 admitted to the bar, and moved to Marshalltown, Iowa.  
 He served as County Attorney for two terms. He ran for  
 Judge but was defeated. He had always had a leaning  
 to architecture; and when he found his church congregation  
 meeting in a hall in Marshalltown, he drew plans for a  
 new church and worked hard in promotion of the plan, until  
 it was an accomplished fact. He played the organ in this  
 church for twenty-five years. He later went to Texas and  
 started a law and abstract business; but the climate  
 increased his malaria to where it affected his heart,  
 and he passed away. His funeral was held in the church  
 he loved, in Marshalltown, Iowa. He married Emma Ackley  
 who died in 1955. They had a little girl who died in  
 infancy. Burial Pine Lake Cemetery, LaPorte, Indiana.

Children of William Walter Miller and Emma Ackley Miller

- A. Shirley Kent Miller - Minneapolis, Minn



FOURTH GENERATION - Children of Jacob Hemmerson Miller and  
Emily Porter Miller (25)

40. MARTHA CASSANDRA MILLER - born April 1, 1856 (258)

Married Robert Cranston Taylor of Chetopa, Kansas,  
February 1, 1882. Mr. Taylor was a native of Kentucky,  
with all the charm of a southern gentleman. Martha  
Cassandra had a pleasant and cordial manner and attained  
a good education. She first taught in country school  
and later in LaPorte schools. The family later moved  
to Marshalltown, Iowa. Martha Cassandra was of a fun-  
loving disposition, and was a bright spirit in the  
family even in later years when family misfortune  
made it necessary for her to continue to teach and do  
other work to educate her family. An inheritance from  
an uncle of her daughter Harriet, helped to put Harriet  
through Drake University. Martha Cassandra Miller Taylor  
is buried in Pine Lake Cemetery, LaPorte, Indiana.

Children of Martha Cassandra Miller and her husband  
Robert Cranston Taylor.

- A. Robert Taylor - born February 2, 1883  
School of Mines, Golden Colorado
- B. Emily Taylor - married Carl Russell (nephew  
of Townsend Russell, member of a distinguished  
early New York family). Emily lived very happily  
in the East until her death. She was born Nov. 17,  
1885.
- C. Harriet Ellen Taylor - born March 4, 1890  
Attended Drake University; married George Waters,  
and after his death, married James Freeman of  
Denver, Colorado.

41. MARY ELLEN MILLER - born February 7, 1859 (250)

Married Isaiah Emerson Irwin - Sept. 7, 1897  
Mary Ellen had a beautiful voice and attended the Cincinnati  
Conservatory. She had a music class in LaPorte, Indiana,  
and later at Marshalltown, Iowa, Charles City, Iowa and  
Des Moines. In Des Moines, she had Fannie Carl as one of  
her pupils. Burial is at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Children of Mary Ellen and Isaiah Emerson Irwin.

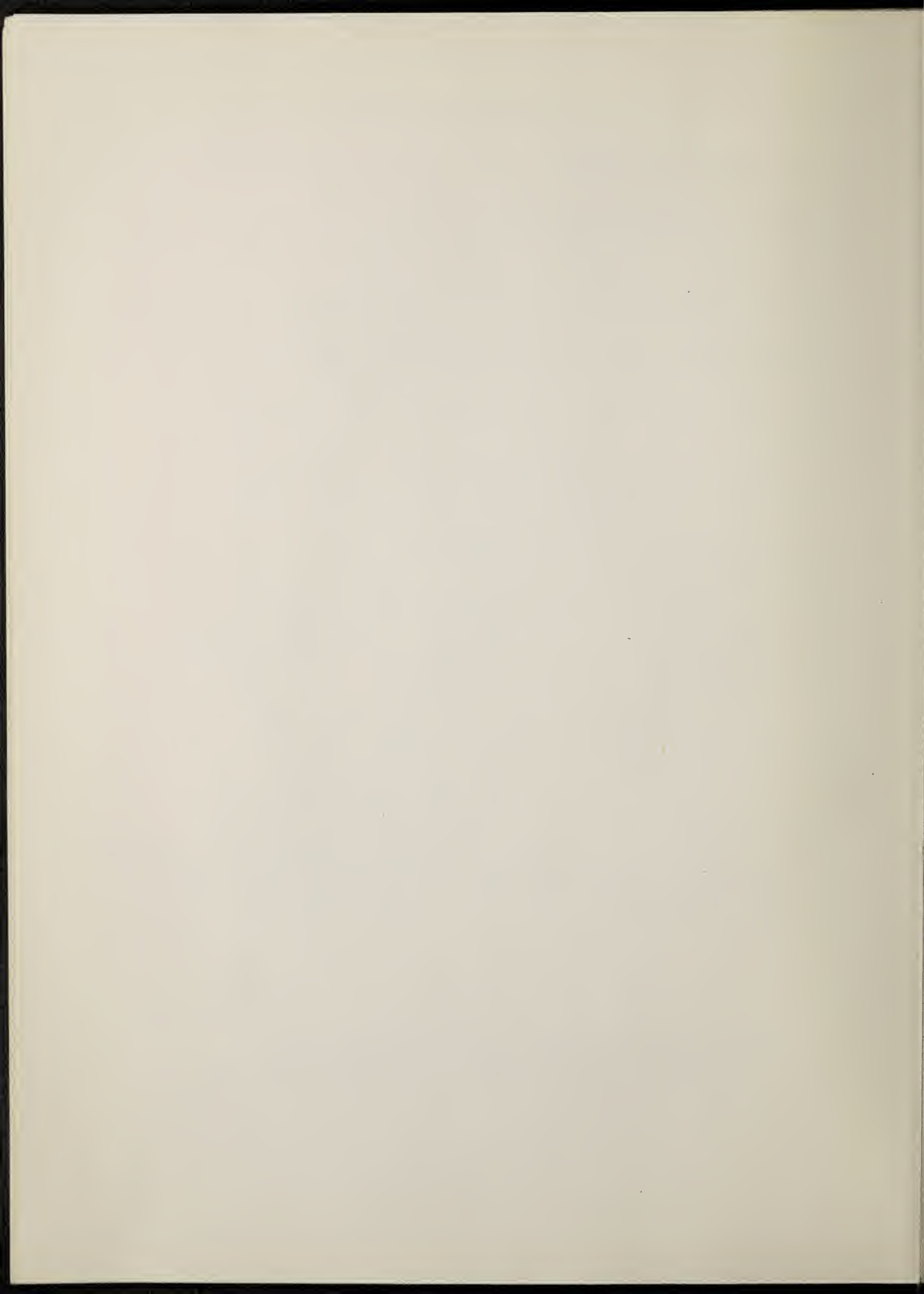
- A. Henry Irwin - born March 28, 1899. Died in infancy.
- B. William Kent Irwin - born December 9, 1901
- C. Jamie Miller Irwin - born May 22, 1900
- D. Emerson Clifford Irwin - born May 13, 1903

Jamie and William served in World War I















47. MARY ELIZABETH MILLER (296)

Married Harris M. Taylor of New Carlisle, Indiana, who was a teacher in Olive Township schools for a number of years, and later took up farming. Mr. Taylor passed away and Mary Elizabeth Taylor resides with her son and family in the house on the old homestead near New Carlisle, Indiana. The house, about 100 years old, has been modernized, but has the old floor to ceiling solid walnut heartcase, and an organ (pipe organ) purchased and installed (his own gift) by her son. Mrs. Taylor is a gracious and pleasing lady, interested and active in civic affairs.

- CHILDREN of Mary Elizabeth Miller Taylor and  
H. M. Taylor  
1. Thomas Miller Taylor  
2. Joseph G. Taylor, Jr.

48. ISAAC NELSON MILLER (297)

Married Sarah Foxworth of Greensburg, Indiana. Mr. Miller was a farmer for many years, and later manager of the New Carlisle Town Elevator, and connected with the Northern Indiana Railway. There were no children.

49. ISAAC NELSON MILLER - born December 27, 1881.

Mr. Miller was a graduate of New Carlisle High School, South Bend Commercial College, and a Michigan law school. After leaving New Carlisle, he lived in and near Portland, Oregon, where he was a lawyer and real estate agent. He married Miss Lucy Rex of Mansfield, Oregon. He later moved to a farm in Saxe, Virginia, where he died Sept. 12, 1956.

Children of Isaac Nelson Miller and Lucy Rex Miller

- A. Mrs. E. Rex Miller (con)





50. Alta Alice Miller - born January 18, 1878. (268)

Married Ernest R. Rupe, December 30, 1903. Alta Miller attended Valparaiso University and was a teacher in the St. Joseph County Schools for nine years. Mr. Rupe was a graduate of South Bend Commercial School, and was engaged in farming. Later they operated an oil station and grocery store near South Bend, Indiana. Mr. Rupe was a Republican, and interested in civic projects. He passed away July 4, 1956, and is buried in Sumpston Prairie Cemetery, Greene Twp., St. Joseph County, Indiana. Mrs. Alta Rupe has been a Republican Vice-Committeeman and Committeewoman for 30 years. She has been active in Gleaner work for 50 years, and has served as Secretary of the Sumpston Prairie Arbor for 30 years. Also served as Treasurer of the Federated Women's Clubs of St. Joseph County. Ernest Rupe was a Trustee of the Sumpston Prairie Methodist Church and Alta Rupe is a member.

## Children of Alta Miller Rupe and Ernest R. Rupe

- A. Alice Loraine Rupe
- B. Ernest Harold Rupe

51. EMMA MILLER - born November 15, 1879. (269)

Married Charles Hood Tyler April 23, 1903 in LaPorte County. Mr. Tyler was born January 4, 1876. Emma Miller attended Valparaiso University and was a teacher in LaPorte County Schools for five years. Charles and Emma Miller Tyler lived on a farm for several years, then moved to La Porte, Indiana, where they were in the grocery business for many years. They were active in civic projects, especially in the development of the Northside business section of LaPorte. Emma Miller Tyler was active in patriotic organizations, and the North Side Loyal League aid of the Protestant Hospital Association (later Fairview Hospital). In politics they were Republicans. Emma Miller Tyler passed away January 12, 1948, and is buried at Salem Cemetery, LaPorte County, Indiana. She was a member of the Salem Methodist Church.

## Children of Emma Miller Tyler and Charles Hood Tyler

- A. Clarence Kern Tyler, born June 29, 1904, LaPorte Co.
- B. Gretchen Beatrice Tyler, born May 22, 1907, LaPorte, Ind.
- C. Baby Tyler, born and died March 17, 1910, LaPorte
- D. Charles Hood Tyler, Jr., born September 8, 1918





52. JOHN ISAAC MILLER - (38F) Born November 21, 1881.

Married Ethel Pearl Judd September 20, 1910. Ethel Judd is the daughter of Schuyler Judd and Sarah Bunch Judd. John Isaac Miller worked at the Indiana Lumber Company in South Bend, Indiana for 17 years. Later he farmed until failing eyesight caused him to move into a home that he and Ethel had purchased from the Bunch estate in Lakerville, Indiana, where they have lived since. He has been completely blind for almost twenty years. He is a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge at Lakerville, Indiana. Members of Methodist Church. Ethel Pearl Miller was born June 25, 1888.

Children of John Isaac Miller and Ethel Pearl Miller

1. Raymond Harold Miller, born June 18, 1911
2. Carl Irvin Miller, born December 18, 1912
3. Mary Beatrice Miller, born March 6, 1917
4. Ruth Elizabeth Miller, born February 26, 1920

53. EDNA ESCHOLA MILLER - (1886) Born October 17, 1886

Married Homer S. Tyler, October 28, 1910. Mr. Tyler was born January 21, 1884. Edna Miller attended Valparaiso University and taught school in St. Joseph County, Indiana for eight years. Homer and Edna Tyler farmed for a number of years and then moved to LaPorte, Indiana. They had membership in the Salem Methodist Church, and Homer Tyler served as Superintendent of the Bible School for a number of years, and Edna Tyler as a teacher of the Adult Class. Mr. Tyler died June 21, 1930, and is buried at Salem Cemetery, LaPorte County, Indiana. Edna Tyler is interested in civic projects and is a member of the Conservation Club and North Side Loyals (Fairview Hospital Aid Society), having served as an officer in both organizations. Homer S. Tyler and Charles Hood Tyler (husband of Emma Elmer Miller) 1885-31 were brothers.

Children of Edna Miller Tyler and Homer S. Tyler

- A. Hubert Lawson Tyler, died July 20, 1919, in infancy
- B. Clem Everett Tyler, died August 5, 1922, 1 year old
- C. Hugh Emerson Tyler, Born September 23, 1924



FIFTH GENERATION

Children of John W. Mason Miller and  
Margaret Ann Miller (20G and 33)

54. MARGUERITE LUCIE MILLER - (38H) , born August 11, 1898.

Attended Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana; Pease  
School of Business, LaPorte, Indiana; Bogalusa College  
of Music, Chicago, Illinois. Employed by Holmke & Sons, Inc.,  
Transfer and Storage Co., LaPorte, Indiana. Secretary of  
Corporation 1945-1950. Member of First Christian  
Church, LaPorte, Indiana. Secretary of Official Board and  
Board of Directors of LaPorte, Indiana. Interested in genealogy.  
Former member of LaPorte Historical Society (1940-1941). LaPorte  
County Genealogical Society. Present member of LaPorte County  
Historical Society. Community Council Service of LaPorte Public  
Schools.

FIFTH GENERATION

Children of Jerry Kent Willich and  
Marie Carl Miller (25F and 43)

55. Paula Louise Miller - (44A) born October 31, 1927

Married Wilbur Eugene Libby, September 22, 1947. Mr.  
Libby is graduate of Purdue University in mechanical  
engineering, now with Michigan State University. His  
father was John Libby, connected with New York Central  
Railroad. Louise Miller Libby graduated from Lincoln  
High School in Chicago, Illinois, attended Drake Uni-  
versity, American Conservatory in Chicago, and LaCrosse  
College, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Teacher in music and art  
in Monticello, Indiana, schools, and music supervisor in  
Marshalltown, Iowa, schools. I.A.R. Regent, Vice-Regent  
Northwest Frontier Chapter, Daughters of the American  
Colonists. Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Phi Delta. Active  
and dedicated member Christian Church.

Children of R. Louise Miller Libby and Wilbur Eugene Libby

A. Eugenia Louise Libby, born January 5, 1927





SIXTH GENERATION - Children of Alta Miller Rupe and Ernest E. Rupe (357 and 30)

56. Alma Louise Rupe - (358) Born December 23, 1915

Married ... February 23, 1939. ...  
 Born ... from South Bend High School ...  
 School ... Business College, and ...  
 for ... Employed for a long time by the ...  
 by the ... Farm Bureau, later with ...  
 ... South Bend, Indiana ...  
 Job is a ... and a Republican. Member ...  
 and ... Women's Club.

Children of ...  
 ... born January 3, 1940.

57. Ernest Harold Rupe - (308) Born May 29, 1917.

Married ... July 1, 1944, daughter of Mrs. ...  
 ... Illinois. Ernest Rupe is a graduate of ...  
 ... attended South Bend Business College, ...  
 United Motor Service School; Barber, and ...  
 Bureau Schools; Bondix Brake School; ...  
 Stratton Engines Schools. Has Rupe's Motor ...  
 Liberty Highway, near South Bend, Indiana. ...  
 Lodge; past President St. Joseph Valley ...  
 Club; member Green Township ...  
 Assn., Diamond Lake, ...  
 ... of ...  
 ... Church. Chairman Building ...  
 Thelma Owen Rupe is ... of same church, and is active in church and civic affairs. Robert Owen (deceased) Senior, Notre Dame ... School of ...

SIXTH GENERATION - Children of Emma Miller Tyler and Charles Hood Tyler (366 and 31)

58. Clarence Kern Tyler - (314) Born June 29, 1904.

Married November 12, 1931 to Edith Irene Sturpp, daughter of Jesse L. Sturpp and Ruth ...  
 Kern Tyler is a Democrat and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He is retired from the La Porte Police Department, and employed at Whirlpool-Gleager Corporation. Edith Tyler is a member of the Gray Ladies of the Red Cross and of the Eastern Star. The family are members of the First Methodist Church of LaPorte, Indiana, and are interested in school and civic affairs. Edith Tyler is member of Board of M.E. Church.

Children of Clarence Kern Tyler and Edith Sturpp Tyler  
 A. Jill Irene, born June 22, 1940  
 E. Jane Ellen, born April 16, 1945









TH GEMBRATH - Father of John Isaac Miller and Michael  
Isaac Miller. (367 and 32)

62. CARL EDWIN MILLER - (548) born December 18, 1912.

Married April 1, 1934 to Miss Elizabeth Miller (born  
in Shell, Indiana May 1, 1912), parents William  
J. and Cora E. Miller, Gen. Miller, members Bible Church,  
Lakeville, Indiana. Carl Edwin Miller graduated from  
Lakeville Indiana High School and is employed at  
South Bond Supply Company, South Bond, Indiana. Interested  
in fishing, boating and outdoor life, church, school and  
community projects.

Children of Carl Edwin Miller and Elizabeth Miller

1. Carl Lynn Miller, born January 24, 1937

2. Mary Miller, born April 21, 1941, middle name Eldon

3. Sharon Joy Miller, born January 6, 1943

63. MARY BEATRICE MILLER - (529), born March 4, 1917.

Married Harold Hall, 1934. Lakeville, Indiana.  
Attended Lakeville High School, Lakeville, Indiana.  
Interested in music, especially vocal; school and  
community interests.

Children of Mary B. Miller Hall and Harold Hall

1. Deborah Mae, born November 26, 1934

2. Shirley Ann, born August 1, 1936

3. Garry Lee, born February 3, 1940

4. Donald Roy, born April 15, 1941

64. RUTH ELIZABETH MILLER - (520) born February 26, 1924

Married Arthur Orion Ringer May 17, 1942. Mr. Ringer  
lived near Lakeville, Indiana, and was employed for  
a long period with Studebaker Corporation at South  
Bond, Indiana; presently with Memorial Hospital,  
South Bond, Indiana. Ruth and Arthur Ringer are members  
of the County Line Church of the Brethren, south of  
Lakeville, Indiana, and are interested in church, school,  
and community projects. They have purchased the home  
place, formerly owned by Ruth's parents, north of Lakeville  
Indiana. Ruth Ringer plays piano and accordion and is  
interested in vocal music.





SIXTH GENERATION - Children of Ruth Miller Ringer and Arthur Orien Ringer (54)

Children of Ruth Miller Ringer and Arthur Orien Ringer

- A. Barbara Kathleen - born July 14, 1944
- B. Dwight Arthur - born May 4, 1946
- C. Gloria Lynn - born November 8, 1948

SIXTH GENERATION - Children of Edna Miller Tyler and Homer Schuyler Tyler (38G and 53)

65. HUGH EMERSON TYLER - (533) born LaPorte County, Indiana September 23, 1924. Married May 26, 1945 at New Orleans, La. to Sarah (Sally) Brown, daughter of Rev. Liston LaMarr Brown and Ruth Floyd Brown of Ravenel, South Carolina. Baptized. Sarah Brown served in the U.S. Coast Guard, Women's Division (Reserve) during World War II, and Hugh Emerson Tyler served in the Navy. Hugh Tyler is a graduate of the La Porte High School, La Porte, Indiana, and is employed by the Retail Credit Corporation at Benton Harbor, Michigan. He is a member of Toastmasters International, and is attending Benton Harbor Junior College. The family are Methodists and are interested in music, school and civic activities.

Children of Hugh Emerson Tyler and Sally Brown Tyler

- A. Cheryl Lynne - born October 15, 1946
- B. Euseb Meloy - born April 16, 1950

SIXTH GENERATION - children of E. Louise Miller Libby and Wilbur Eugene Libby (43A and 55)

66. EUGENIA LOUISE LIBBY - born January 5, 1927 (57) Married Kenneth Telford Marshall, October 21, 1948. Mr. Marshall is a Naval architect and marine engineer in the field of plastics.

Children of Eugenia Libby Marshall and Kenneth T. Marshall

- A. Libby Louise Marshall, born January 26, 1947
- B. Kenneth Telford Marshall, Jr., born June 27, 1950
- C. Margaret Jean Marshall, born May 22, 1952
- D. Robert Kent Marshall, born September 17, 1955

SEVENTH GENERATION - relisting only those persons who have married, and listing their children.

67. LEONARD RUSSELL JOBE - (56A) born January 3, 1930.

Married Evelyn Mathews, December 30, 1953. Graduated from Green Twp. High School, St. Joseph County, Indiana. Served with the Army in Korea.

Children of Leonard Jobe and Evelyn Mathews Jobe

- A. Leonard Russell, Jr. - born March 5, 1955
- B. Brian Keith - born March February 15, 1958
- C. Donna Lou (stepdaughter) adopted by Leonard Russell Jobe in 1956, at age of six years.

68. MARILYN MILLER - born October 14, 1940 (61D)

Graduated Lakeville High School, Lakeville, Indiana. Married Jerry Gundlach, July 20, 1957.





SEVENTH GRADE

69. CAROLYN J. MILLER - born January 24, 1937. (62A)

Married Donald G. Scott, May 26, 1955

Graduate Lakerville High School, Lakerville, Indiana

Children:

Deborah Lee Scott - born February 20, 1956

70. Delores J. Miller - born November 26, 1934 (63A)

Married Donald G. Scott, August 23, 1952. Donald served

in the Navy. Delores graduated Lakerville High School

Lakerville, Indiana

Children:

Douglas Leroy Palmer - born June 5, 1956

71. EMILY ANN MILLER (born March 2, 1933, (62A)

Married Donald G. Scott, May 31, 1954.

Children:

Tim Scott, born February 5, 1955.



THE HENRY KENT MILLER  
FAMILY  
FROM

Reminiscences written by his son

HENRY KENT MILLER

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AARON HENDERSON MILLER was the youngest of thirteen children, and was the one who continued to live at the old home place, built by his father, Tobias Miller. He was a little over six feet tall, slender, square shoulders, black hair and deep-set dark eyes, beard trimmed to a "Van Dyke." He was not a muscular man, but had a strong constitution, and was very fast in all his movements. He was well educated and sometimes quoted Latin; was also particular of his dress and wore a silk hat. His family was very proud of his appearance. He became a Christian, after his marriage, and was a member of the Christian Church of LaPorte, Indiana.

Aaron Miller was married, October 31, 1852, to Emily Philip Porter, who was born in Wainwright, Ohio, and grew up in LaPorte, Indiana. She was born in 1830, and died December 29, 1912; buried in Pine Lake Cemetery, LaPorte, Indiana. Emily was baptized in Miller's Lake, 2 1/2 miles west of LaPorte; and went to the Tobias Miller home, nearby, to get her clothes, little knowing that this house would be her future home, and that four of her children were to be born there.

The old house still stands (1958), and the "Miller burial" ground on the farm is now Griffin Cemetery, neglected for many years, but not improved. The old house is of brick, with twenty-one inch walls, and has many rooms. It was built in the style of the old Brethren homes, with two front doors. There are many sheds and a large barn. All of this building was originally done in the midst of huge forest trees. Henry Kent Miller describes the furnishings: the mahogany "sofa," the massive chairs, all carved and upholstered with black haircloth; the large mahogany table, with marble top and the family Bible in the center; the ingrain and Brussels carpets; the large black walnut extension table; the black walnut mirror with elaborate carving; the square piano and the huge mahogany wardrobe with doors inlaid with white holly wood. Louise Miller Libby has preserved the old "whatnot" and the walnut framed mirror, and Ackley Kent Miller has the old marble top dresser and wash stand.

The picture of the Aaron Miller family is one of family unity and many good times shared. The family all took their places at the table; Mr. Miller gave thanks, and then served each one beginning with his wife; and no one ate until all were served. Many times William Walter Miller went to the piano after dinner and played for the enjoyment of all.

When Mr. Miller was forty-six years of age, he was severely injured in a train wreck near Woodstock, Illinois. The account states that the train was traveling at the "terrific speed" of forty miles an hour, when it struck a broken rail. Mr. Miller





## MILLER, AARON MILLER

Family  
continued

never recovered from the loss of his property, and was not able to do much farm work. The greater part of the real estate he owned in the town of La Porte, Indiana, was a quarter block west of the Post Office, between Indiana, Michigan and Illinois Avenues. Later the family built a large brick house, 2200 East Michigan Avenue, and a large part of the land where there are now fine homes. With failing health and some reverses in business, and the family went through some hardships.

Aaron Miller died in 1884, and was buried in Pine Lake Cemetery, La Porte, Indiana. The next year the family moved to Marshalltown, Iowa. The years immediately following were difficult ones for Emily Porter Miller, but her fine courage, her Christian spirit, and her ability to see far in everyday occurrences, sustained her. Her daughter, Cassa, once said, "To sit and talk with her, when the world had had its way, was as near Heaven as one could get."

Mr. Henry Kent Miller (the name of Kent is from relatives of his mother in the East) gives some fine sidelights on the customs and customs of the time. He describes the marching club in the campaign of Hayes and Wheeler, and Tilden and Hendricks. The Republicans had jackets and caps of oilcloth in blue and white, and the Democrats had oilcloth jackets and caps of red and black. Both parties carried torches in their evening parades. At one Democratic Rally, a ten piece band came off a train at La Porte, and on the platform played (guess what?) "We Shall Gather at the River." The Republicans had a shed-like structure for rallies, that was called a "brigman." It was later used for a skating rink, until a storm demolished it.

When the Spanish War came, Mr. Miller states, "We all were much worried, and it seemed a calamity. The captain of a liner came into New York and said, 'The Spaniards will come over with their navy and smash our crockery.' But it was soon over."

Mr. Miller recalls that there were many fine songs in his childhood, though many of them were sad in tone. He also comments on seeing Theodore Roosevelt and Howard Taft in Des Moines. In La Porte, Indiana, he speaks of his school experiences, mentioning Hinman, Swift, Bliss and Abel as superintendents. He speaks with affection of a Principal Hemphill, and also mentions Mr. Neilman.

Mr. Miller speaks with regret of the removal of the old yellow-toned bell and the colonial-type belfry of the Christian Church in La Porte; and also of the modernizing of the old family, many-gabled brick home on Michigan Avenue now numbered 1305. The house has since been owned by the George Dorland and the Veir families and at present by Mrs. Gerard Elshout.





Of Persons, Places and Things in and  
about La Porte, as I Remember Them, in  
the Early Forties and Fifties.

L. R. Witter

(From a La Porte, Indiana, paper not  
dated - clipping has La Porte, Indiana,  
etc.)

We will walk out the dusty lane past the log-cabin residence and on  
to near the La Porte lake, where two roads meet. A sign board here, with  
a finger pointing to the right, reads: "To Miller's Mill, two miles."

We continue down this lane, flanked by the stake-and-rail rail fences  
until we descend at the head of Miller's lake. Upon a gentle rise of  
ground and overlooking the lake is the two-story brick residence of one  
of the pioneers of Kentucky Township - Tobias Miller.

To go farther back, I will say Tobias Miller, my grandfather, was born  
in Franklin County, Virginia, March 17, 1773. He was of German lineage.  
He was married in 1799 to Sarah Henderson, an estimable woman of Scotch  
parentage.

#### Slaves Set Free

They owned a great number of slaves, but Mr. Miller, as a member of the  
Dunkard or Brethren Church, decided that slavery was wrong so set his  
slaves free. He sold his possessions and removed to Union County,  
Indiana, in 1810. There he cleared a farm, built a saw mill, also a  
tannery, cut timber and made the leather for the pioneers of the country.

He was a man of fine physique, a model in character. Mr. Miller wore a  
full long beard which in his old age became white as snow.

About 1830 he moved to La Porte County and settled on the farm above  
mentioned, some three miles (almost due east of La Porte). There he and  
his wife reared a family of nine sons and four daughters; namely,  
John, David, Isaac, Jacob, Tobias, Jr., Samuel, William, Noah, Aaron,  
Barbara, Sarah, Polly, and Martha.

Two of the boys, Samuel and John, settled on and near the present site of  
the city of Chicago in about 1828. Samuel was a major in the Black Hawk  
War, as many of the Illinois guards took part in that war.

#### Michigan City's First Platt

Clement F. Miller, son of Samuel, was the first white child born outside  
the fort in Chicago. He died many years ago in Fresno, California. Samuel  
Miller later made the first platt of Michigan City and resided there for  
many years. He was a candidate for congress on the Whig ticket in 1836.



## REMINISCENCES

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Isaac Miller was a farmer in Rolling Prairie region. Tobias Jr. was a grocer in La Porte in the late forties, but moved to Westville. William owned a large farm on Portage Prairie, St. Joseph County. He moved to South Bend and died in 1879. His son, John F., was a colonel of the 29th Regiment Indiana Battalion in the Civil War and later senator from San Francisco, California.

William Miller's grandson, John F. Jr. and son of Newton Miller of New Carlisle, is at present a member of congress from Seattle, Washington. Noah Miller was a doctor in early days at La Porte and later at Elkhart - then for many years at Stockton, California.

### Moved to California

Jacob Miller owned a flouring mill on the Little Kankakee, near where the present city pumping station is now located. After his death, his family moved to California in 1851.

Aaron H. Miller, the youngest of the boys, lived on the old homestead until his death. Sarah Miller married John Witter, my father, who owned a farm adjoining Samuel Griffin's. Mr. Griffin kept the stage tavern on the La Porte and South Bend road near the Little Kankakee. Mr. Witter moved to Iowa and secured government lands, some 40 miles west of Dubuque. Sarah, his widow, died in 1893.

Barbara Miller married Samuel Ridemour. They lived near College Corner, Union County, Indiana. She died in 1883. Martha, the youngest daughter, married Melford K. Farrand, lawyer of La Porte. They both lived and died in La Porte.

This is in brief the history of the family of Pioneer Tobias Miller.





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From Miller Bible : 1943 - born September 10, 1894

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"One of the most imposing structures of the early class was the Jernegan property, situated on the Jernegan Hill. The house was built and formerly occupied by a man named Samuel Miller. The house stood in the center of the large grounds. The approach was through a large arch gateway supported by high stone posts, then terrace upon terrace to the handsome house.

"When first built, I am told by those even farther back than myself, that there was nothing in the country around as grand as it in grandeur. I have had it pictured by some of the country youths as a way to their grain to this port for shipping out, when passing they would stand on their tines that they might get a better view of what seemed to them to be a little short of a castle."

In January, 1844, Samuel Miller died in Michigan City, leaving his wife fully and two children, Margaret Ellen and Henry H. Miller. Samuel Miller was the administrator of his estate and William Miller was the guardian for the children. It was found that his affairs were considerably involved and there were judgments against him, and the estate was involved as insolvent, though it turned out that his real estate paid all claims and left a good balance for the heirs.

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Samuel Miller began importing salt and other supplies and exporting grain and produce. He also procured the appointment of himself as Postmaster and opened the Post Office in his store at the bend of the creek, establishing a mail route by horseback to Le Port.

April 12, 1836 - Meeting of Commissioners - Council

"The following persons were appointed by Council: - For Printer - Samuel Miller

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City Officers - April 11, 1837 - Samuel Miller - Mayor (This was the second year - the first being William Post) note by S. M.

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The Gazette was Democratic at first but soon became an advocate of the Whigs. It was owned by Samuel Miller who owned it but leased it to James C. Blair. In 1841, when Miller still owned the Gazette, occurred what was called "the clipping of the Gazette." Miller, it seems, owed C. S. Blair \$200.00 and had given a mortgage on the office. But as he could not pay, or would not pay when due, Blair took possession. In the meantime, Stuart also had defaulted in his payment to Miller so that a three-cornered fight ensued during which the press was spirited away. This was the beginning of the end for in 1841, the Gazette died.

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The first man to begin a real business in Michigan City was Samuel Miller who in 1812, started a commission store in 1833 and built the first warehouse. He was a forwarder, taking grain, provisions, and produce from all the neighbors who had to sell, and obtaining his supply of goods from vessels plying the lakes.





## JACOB MILLER

From "History of the Church of the Brethren  
in Indiana"

Published by "Light and Life Press" of Winona  
Lake, Indiana, 1952. Compiled by Historical  
Committees of the Districts.

The first minister of the Church of the Brethren to preach in Indiana was Elder Jacob Miller. More remarkable than this is the fact that he was also the first minister of the Brethren in Virginia and also in Ohio. His descendents have been many, and among them some very able ministers of the church. The account of his life should be read with more than ordinary interest.

Jacob Miller was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1735. His parents were natives of Germany. He united with the church early in life and soon afterwards was called to the ministry. He married while yet young and moved to Franklin County, Virginia, in 1765. Here he raised a family of nine sons and three daughters.

It is agreed that Jacob Miller was the first minister of the church in Southern Virginia. Elder D.H. Zigler, in his "History of the Brethren in Virginia," says that Elder John Garber moved into Northern Virginia in 1775, and was perhaps the first minister, but it is quite certain that Elder Miller moved into Southern Virginia ten years earlier.

Soon after Elder Miller moved to Southern Virginia he became acquainted with William Smith, an Englishman. Having learned of the doctrine of the Brethren, Smith received baptism. He was later elected to the ministry. He lived in Floyd County, while Elder Miller lived in Franklin. "With staff in hand they would walk ten or twelve miles to the place of meeting. Previous to the regular service they would read a scripture and give an explanation. Elder Miller would speak in the German and Elder Smith would speak in English. Through their ministry, laying the foundation for a number of large and flourishing organizations in the First District of Virginia was laid."--- D.H. Zigler

After serving the church in Virginia for a generation this pioneer moved to Southern Ohio in 1800 and settled near Dayton on the west side of the Miami River. The land was a dense forest inhabited by many Indians. Elder Miller visited these cliffs of the forest and sang and prayed for them. He gained not only their reverence and respect, but their promise of protection under all circumstances. They called him "the Good Man," the Good Spirit from the East.





## JACOB MILLER

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Though advanced in years his missionary activity and zeal were none the less. He was the first preacher of the Brethren in Montgomery, Clarke, and Probble Counties, where now the Brethren Churches are so prosperous. His work extended into other Ohio counties. Having heard that a few Brethren had settled in Indiana, on Four Mile Creek, he came and preached for them occasionally. In 1809, he and Elder John Hart organized the first church in Indiana, on Four Mile Creek.

After a faithful service in the ministry for over fifty years, this great ambassador for Christ died at his Ohio home in 1816. He was buried in a cemetery near the Lower Miami Church. For half a century this cemetery was neglected and for twenty years it was cultivated. On July 5, 1916, one century after the death of Elder Jacob Miller, his grave was rediscovered and marked by Elders John Calvin Bright and Jesse O. Garst.

It would take a volume to give the history of Elder Jacob Miller and the descendants of his twelve children. This account will be limited to those who became leaders in the Church of the Brethren, particularly in Indiana. Of the sons, but three of them, Abraham, Aaron, and David, will receive attention here. Elder Isaac Miller, the blind preacher of LaPorte, Indiana, was a son of Tobias Miller, another son of Jacob Miller, Sr.

### Some of the Sons of Elder Jacob Miller

ABRAHAM MILLER was born April 1, 1775 in Franklin County, Virginia, and died at the age of 76. He was married to Nancy Huston, who bore him fifteen children. None of these raised large families. The eldest two sons were Jacob and James, both of them worthy ministers for the church of the Brethren in Northern, Indiana. On account of his ability and his large service for the church, a special biography of Jacob Miller, Jr. will be given. His brother, James, was his associate, who outlived Jacob many years and died in 1893 at an advanced age. He is said to have baptised over 2000 persons and to have officiated at many weddings.

AARON MILLER was born in 1785 in Franklin County, Virginia, and moved with his parents to Ohio in 1800. His wife was Elizabeth Harding. They raised a family of eleven children. In 1818 they moved to Wayne County, Indiana, being among the first members of the Nettle Creek congregation. He was called to the ministry about this time. In 1829 he moved near South Bend, Indiana. His son, David Miller, Jr. was called to the ministry at the Portage Church and became an able preacher and church worker. He is sometimes mistaken for his uncle, David Miller, Sr.





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Continuing some of the sons of Jacob Miller

DAVID MILLER Sr. was born in Virginia and grew to manhood in Ohio, where he was also elected to the ministry. About 1817 he settled near Hagerstown, where he became the first minister and presiding elder of the Hettle Creek Church. In 1830 he moved to St. Joseph County and became the first elder of the Portage Prairie congregation. He was a man universally loved because of his piety and generosity. He died at the age of 52. His son, Aaron Miller, Jr. followed him in the ministry and died at the age of 80. Thurston Miller, for years a minister at LaPorte, Indiana, was a son of Aaron Miller, Jr.

Jacob Miller, Jr.  
(Grandson of Elder Jacob Miller, Sr.)

It is due that a more extended account be given to a grandson, by the same name, of Elder Jacob Miller, Sr. He was born in Preble County, Ohio, March 6, 1812. He was the oldest of a family of sixteen children born to Abraham and Nancy Miller. He early moved with his parents to Franklin County, Indiana. In May, 1831, he was married to Sarah Backus. For some years he was a butcher in Cincinnati. In 1833 they emigrated to German Township, St. Joseph County, Indiana. Here they built up a good home and became quite successful financially. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity.

The Portage church was organized in 1833. The next year he was called to the ministry at the age of 22. This was quite young for a man to be put to work in those days. It was not long, however, until he became a leader, not only in Northern Indiana, but throughout the Brotherhood.

He and his brother, James, worked side by side in their church work. James, however, was more of a home worker. In 1851 they were instrumental in having a large brick house of worship erected eight miles northwest of South Bend. It was the first house built in Northern Indiana and one of the earliest in the State. In this house elder Miller preached for twenty years, building up a large congregation.

He had talent and special fitness for committee work. He strove for peace and could often get opposing parties together. For twenty years he was placed on as many Annual Meeting committees as any other man. He served eight times on Standing Committee. In 1866 he was a member of the committee that went to effect a reconciliation with the John A. Bowman Brethren in Tennessee. In 1869, he and Elder D.B. Sturgis were sent as a committee to visit churches in California and Oregon and organize them for work.





Continuing account of grandson of Jacob Miller  
Jacob Miller, Jr.

Early in his ministry he went to New York to transact some business as a guardian. While there he did some preaching by request. A Young man asked and received baptism at his hands. Since this man was isolated, he gave him a letter to show that he was a member of the church. Twenty years later that man came West, stopped in South Bend, and enquired for Jacob Miller. They enjoyed this renewal of acquaintance. The young man married a sister of the church, was elected deacon and became an earnest worker for the Lord.

Elder Miller was a large man and wore long hair and beard. He was a man of fine characteristics and stood high in the estimation of his home people. He was a good text preacher and a good exhorter. He had a large library for those days and did much reading.

His death was sudden and unexpected on Sunday evening, September, 24, 1871. A short time before this, he expressed the belief that he would be called away suddenly. His funeral service, conducted by D.B. Sturgis and Christian Wanger, was one of the largest ever held here. He was laid to rest in the little cemetery just across the road from his house.

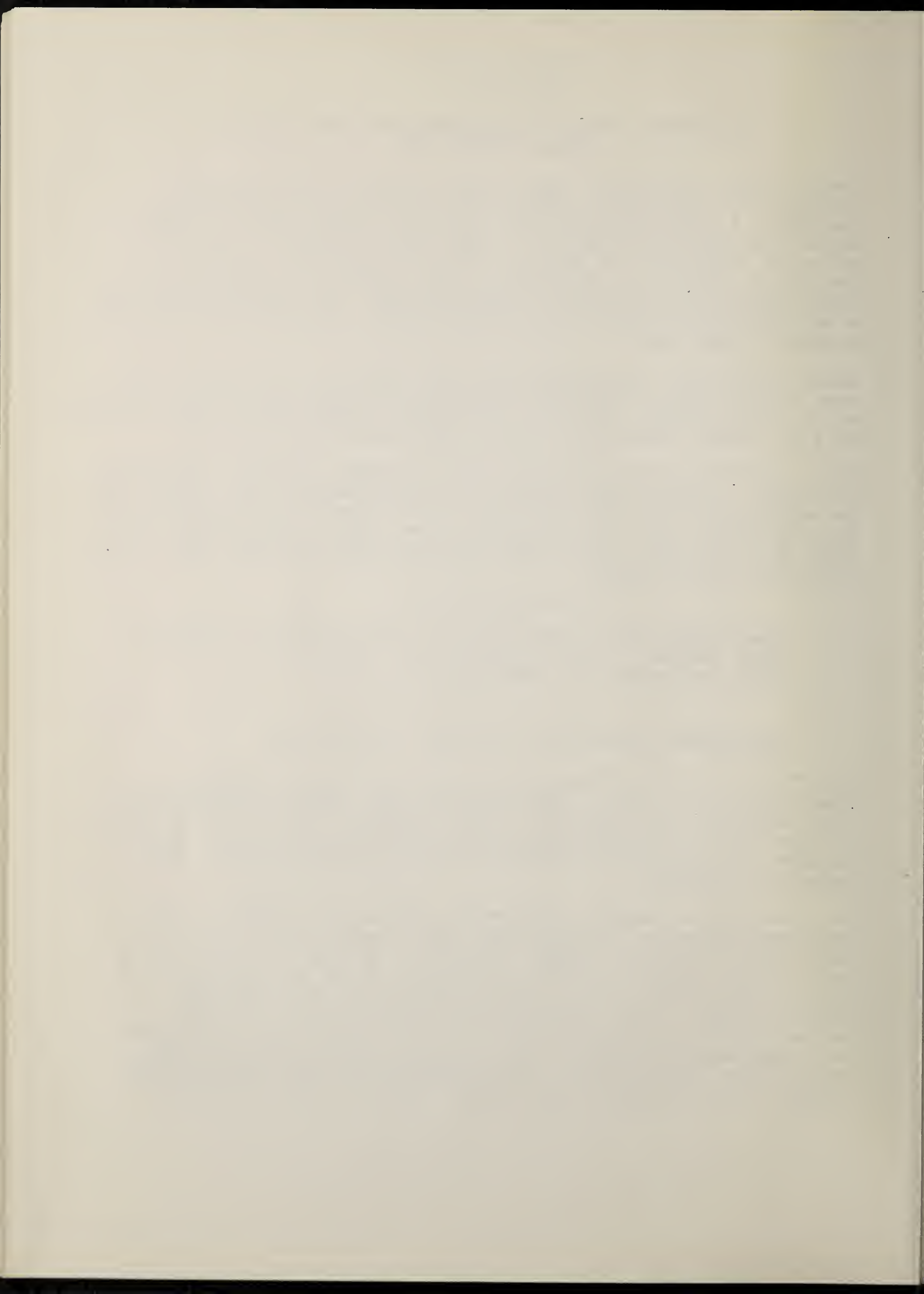
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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ELDER JACOB MILLER

The "History of the Church of the Brethren in the Southern District of Pa.," by J. Linwood Eisenberg, Pastor, Shippensburg, Pa., relates, that under the first residing Elder (William Stover) of the Antietam Congregation of the Brethren, (organized 1752), brother Jacob Miller was elected to the ministry, and in 1765 moved to Virginia.

Mr. Paul Haynes Bowman, Timberville, Virginia, Church of the Brethren Historian, advised that Elder Jacob Miller lived in what is now Franklin County, Virginia, and that his home church was "Brick Church" at Wirtz, Virginia. There is a memorial tablet there honoring his memory and that of his co-worker William Smith. This congregation is still active, and the writer has had correspondence with its Pastor, Rev. F.B. Layman, of Rocky Mount, Virginia. Rev. Layman wrote a short article about Elder Jacob Miller, and attached it to the deed to Brick Church, in the files of the County Clerk of Franklin County.





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Continuing information from various sources.

Samuel Henderson and Jacob Miller were appointed to survey a road from Halfway Springs to Jacob Miller's. Page No.97, February 5, 1787. "An Old Virginia County - Franklin," by Wingfield.

From Franklin County Records of the Clerk of that County. The County of Franklin was formed in 1784, from parts of Bedford and Henry Counties.

## On Blackwater River

Deed Book Feb.5, 1798	Jacob Miller to Josenh Trout;	233 Acres	"	So.Fork
No.3 Apr.2, 1798	" " " Thos.Adney	281	"	" No.Fork
Sept.30, 1797	" " " John Fishburn,	200	"	" No.Fork
June, 1795	" " " Phillip Lybrook	156	"	" No.Fork

Deed Book				
No.4 June 2, 1800	" " " John Miller	150	"	" No.Fork
June 2, 1800	" " " Tobias Miller	430	"	" No.Fork

Deed Book No.3, pages are 535,569,460,219.  
 " " No.4, " " 108, 225.

## Bedford County Virginia

County Order Book 6, Page 357, May 27, 1782

Jacob Miller Ald. L 4.00 for Rifle Gun Impressed for the use of the Militia of this Country on their march to the Southward.

County Order Book 8, page 142, May 23, 1785.

Jacob Miller Pvd. that he furnished Christopher Irvine Comy with five hundred pounds of Beef, four diets and one peck of Corn. (Comy. is abbreviation for commissary).

## On Blackwater River

Deed Book Aug. 23, 1779,	Jacob Miller to Jacob Wemmer,	100 Acres	"
No.6, Page 290			
Deed Book Sept.25,1775,	Jesse Rentfro and Susannah	100	" "
No.5, Page 337	Rentfro to Jacob Miller		
Deed Book Feb.25, 1782	Laughlin McGrady to Jacob	150 Acres	(on both
No.7, Page 109	Miller		(sides of Maggottee Creek)

In October 1955, the Lower Miami Church of the Brethren, Dayton, Ohio, Rev. Edward Angeny, Pastor, celebrated its 150th. Anniversary. A plaque was dedicated to the memory of Elder Jacob Miller. The Dedication Service was held at 2:30 P.M. October 2, 1955, with Mr. Paul W. Kinsel, Moderator of Lower Miami District, presiding. Rev. Moyne Landis, Executive Secretary of the Southern Ohio District, was the speaker.





Continuing information from various sources.

"The Story of Our Church," by J.E. Miller, 1941, Brethren Publishing House, Elgin, Illinois, tells of the coming of Elder Jacob Miller from Virginia to Ohio. He purchased parts of 3 sections of land near Dayton, Ohio, beginning Brethren Congregations in the Miami Valley. Mr. J.E. Miller states that wherever Elder Jacob Miller lived, he preached; and that the growth of the church in Ohio is not surprising with early leaders like Jacob Miller, David Bowman and Mr. Garver. Of Jacob Miller and William Smith in Virginia, he says that their reading, explaining and discussions of Scriptures before the sermon, were forerunners of the Sunday School and the Forum. He comments that it is fitting that one may see in the yard of Brick Church, near Hinton, Virginia, a simple stone marker dedicated to the memory of these two consecrated preachers who so unselfishly gave themselves to the Church and Ministry.

Now a word of appreciation to those people of the Brethren Church: from the Pastors Anderson and Leachman of LaPorte, Indiana; to Rev. C.B. Selpe, Victorville, Bremen, Indiana; Rev. F.B. Layman, Kathy Mount, Virginia; Mr. Paul Hansen, Bremen, Timberville, Virginia; Rev. Lawrence W. Shultz, and many others who helped to point to sources of information. Also a word of thanks is due to Mr. Edwin Greer, Clerk of Franklin County, Virginia; and to the Clerk of Bedford County, Virginia, and his Secretary, Miss Jane E. Smith.

There were many instances, in reading for information, where the integrity and practical human kindness of the Brethren Church people, along with their devotion to their God, was seen. Mr. J.E. Miller relates in "The Story of Our Church," how in 1797, an Annual Meeting was held at Blackwater (First District of Virginia), and it was decided that Brethren members must set their slaves free, and that no one holding slaves would be accepted as member. The church was to decide how long a man could hold his slaves, in order not to bankrupt members by too quick action. Each slave was to be given a good suit of wearing apparel, by his former owner; and was to be taught reading and writing and the fear of the Lord. This was sixty-four years before the Civil War.

PRESENTED  
BY

MISS MARGUERITE L. MILLER  
(36H)

ASSISTED BY

MISS GRETCHEN BEATRICE TYLER  
(51B)

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